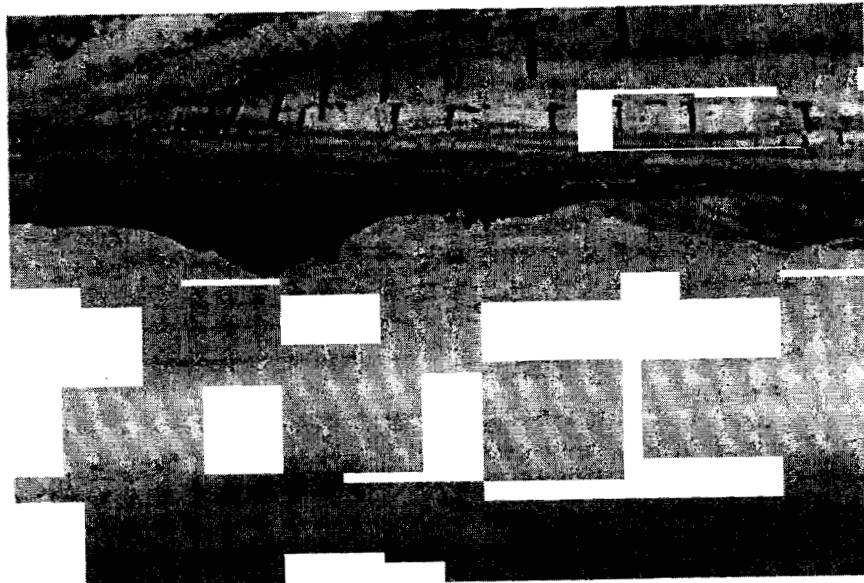


Dear People, RRR000713 January 7, 2008

- 1 [Yucca Mountain is not a safe or appropriate place to store nuclear waste. It sits on earthquake faults on land that is sacred to the Shoshone] [to whom it belongs still, according to the Treaty of Ruby Valley (1863).]
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- 1 [Neither the Shoshone nor the people of Nevada, along with their representatives, want nuclear waste there. It would destroy the mountain and could explode, exposing the whole area, including Las Vegas to radioactive contamination. The latter possibility was raised by scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Many Japanese, Native Americans, U.S. servicemen, including my uncle, residents of Nevada, Idaho, the Ukraine and Iraq have already died or been sickened by nuclear materials.
- No way has been found to safely process, use or dispose of them. Nuclear power plants are inherently dangerous, as Three Mile Island and Chernobyl showed. Accidents occur regularly at them. Even X-rays do damage. Nuclear weapons are meant to. Although they are illegal under international law the U.S. is building ever more destructive ones, and helping certain countries to do so, setting off a new arms race.
- But the waste is already there, piling up.

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What to do with it? There are no easy answers. The Yucca Mountain solution suggests "out of sight out of mind" but is really no solution for a problem which could erupt at any time and will last for over 50,000 years, in any event. The canisters would soon leak under Yucca Mountain, contaminating the ground water. Even without leakage, earth quakes or other changes could force up the groundwater, flooding the repositories.

For now, the waste should be kept above ground in easily monitored containers where it is produced. BEAR VALLEY IN SPRING This would avoid the dangers of transporting it and provide a disincentive to produce it

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It's time to stop.

The Nevada Testsite has, along with its people, been so violated.

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